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**To:** All Massachusetts Chiefs of Police  
The Police Commissioner of the City of Boston

**From:** Robert J. Prezioso, Commissioner  
Division of Occupational Safety, Department of Labor

**Date:** November 18, 2005

**Re:** **Legal Holiday – Monday, December 26, 2005**

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All retail stores and shops<sup>1</sup> may be open at any time on the legal holiday, Monday, December 26, 2005, without the need for a local police permit or statewide approvals otherwise necessary for certain holidays pursuant to the so-called "blue laws" contained in M.G.L. c. 136.

Retail establishments covered by M.G.L. c. 136, §6(50) which operate on December 26<sup>th</sup> must compensate employees who work on the holiday with time and one-half pay, and such work shall be voluntary and refusal to work shall not be grounds for discrimination, dismissal, discharge, reduction in hours, or any other penalty.

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<sup>1</sup> This notice does not impact the sale or delivery of alcoholic beverages by package stores, manufacturers, wholesalers and importers. As per the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, package stores, manufacturers, wholesalers and importers may not sell or deliver alcoholic beverages on Christmas Day or the Day after Christmas Day, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, §33(a), as inserted by Acts 2003, Chapter 141, Section 32 (See [www.mass.gov/abcc](http://www.mass.gov/abcc)).